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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Third Committee considered the item at its 54th meeting, on 28 November 2007 (see A/C.3/62/SR.54).

II. Consideration of the draft programme of work (A/C.3/62/L.86)

3. At its 54th meeting, on 28 November, the Committee had before it a draft programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (A/C.3/62/L.86), submitted by the Chairman.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Sudan, Benin and Uruguay and the Secretary of the Committee (see A/C.3/62/SR.54).

5. Also at its 54th meeting, the Committee adopted the programme of work as contained in document A/C.3/62/L.86, on the understanding that it would be modified in the light of the clarifications made by the Secretary (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

6. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-third session as set out below:

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Item 1. Social development:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing;

(d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all.

Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

Item 3. International drug control.

Item 4. Advancement of women:

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

Item 5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

Item 6. Indigenous issues:

(a) Indigenous issues;

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

Item 7. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Item 8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination.

Item 10. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

Item 11. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.